

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY CAPI PROGRAM MANAGERS

**REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL**

- ☐ State Law Change
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order
- ☒ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☐ Initiated by CDSS

**SUBJECT: JANUARY 2007 COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS THAT AFFECT  
THE CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR IMMIGRANTS**

**REFERENCE: ACIN I-77-05**

This All-County Information Notice (ACIN) provides the new Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) Payment Standards, effective January 1, 2007 and clarification for computing benefits for a CAPI recipient whose spouse receives Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP). The attached CAPI Payment Standards chart details the payment standards that will be effective on January 1, 2007.

As required by section 18941 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC), the CAPI payment standards are based on the SSI/SSP payment standards, minus \$10.00 for an individual and \$20.00 for a couple. Under the provisions of Senate Bill (SB) 68 (Chapter 78, Statutes of 2005), the State SSP Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) is suspended for all of 2007. The pass-through of the federal SSI COLA was reinstated effective January 1, 2007 under Assembly Bill 1808 (Chapter 75, Statutes of 2006). Consequently, there will be an increase for most CAPI payment standards in January 2007. The one exception is the Title XIX medical facility standard, which will not increase because there is no federal SSI COLA for this living arrangement. The CAPI Payment Standards that will become effective on January 1, 2007 are the results of the federal COLA for SSI and are reflected on the attached charts.

The federal SSI COLA also affects the following values for the entire 2007 calendar year, and can impact CAPI eligibility and benefit amounts effective on January 1, 2007:

**PRESUMED MAXIMUM VALUE (PMV) OF IN-KIND SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE**

- To compute this value, take 1/3 of the federal SSI amount and add \$20.00. This changes the PMV from \$221.00 to \$227.66 for an individual and from \$321.33 to \$331.33 for a couple.

#### ALLOWANCE FOR INELIGIBLE CHILDREN IN DEEMING SITUATIONS

- To compute this allowance, determine the difference between the federal SSI benefit amount for a couple and the federal SSI benefit amount for an individual. This computation changes the allowance from \$301.00 to \$311.00.
- This allowance is entered, when appropriate, on the Income Eligibility Worksheet (SOC 452), line B.2.a, when determining a CAPI benefit amount for a case involving deemed income from an ineligible spouse. It is also used on the Income Eligibility Worksheet-Child (SOC 452A), line A.4.a, when determining a CAPI benefit involving deemed income from ineligible parent(s).

#### ALLOWANCE FOR PARENT(S) IN PARENT-TO-CHILD DEEMING SITUATIONS

- The allowance for one parent is equal to the federal SSI Individual rate. The allowance for two parents is equal to the federal SSI Couple rate. The federal SSI COLA changes the allowance from \$603 to \$623 for one parent, and from \$904 to \$934 for two parents.
- This allowance is entered on the Income Eligibility-Child worksheet (SOC 452A) when determining eligibility for a minor child and income must be deemed from his or her parent(s).

#### SPONSOR'S ALLOCATION IN ALIEN DEEMING SITUATIONS

- This allocation equals the federal SSI rate for an individual. The federal SSI COLA changes the allocation from \$603.00 to \$623.00.
- This allowance is entered, when appropriate, on the Sponsor to Alien Deeming Worksheet (SOC 454), line 2, when determining a CAPI benefit amount for a case involving deemed income from a sponsor.

#### COLA COORDINATION WHEN ONE SPOUSE RECEIVES SSI/SSP

As stated above, WIC section 18941 requires CAPI benefits to be equivalent to SSI/SSP benefits except that the CAPI payment standards must be \$10.00 less for an individual and \$20.00 less for a couple. A unique situation arises when one member of a couple receives SSI/SSP and the other receives CAPI. All-County Letter No. 99-13 addressed this situation by requiring counties to count the SSI/SSP benefits received by one member as income while using a special payment standard that is \$10.00 less than the SSI/SSP payment standard for a couple. The intended result of this policy is that the CAPI/SSI/SSP couple receives combined benefits that total \$10.00 less than the SSI/SSP benefit rate for a couple as required by WIC section 18941.

However, the intended result will NOT occur for a CAPI/SSI/SSP couple if normal retrospective budgeting of the spouse's SSI/SSP benefit is used to determine CAPI payment in the effective month of a COLA and the subsequent month. Using a January COLA for example, under normal retrospective counting rules the CAPI recipient's January and February payments would be computed using the spouse's SSI/SSP benefit from November and December respectively – before the SSI/SSP COLA in January – resulting in the CAPI/SSI/SSP couple receiving higher combined benefits in January and February than either the SSI/SSP or CAPI couple.

In order to comply with WIC section 18941, counties are hereby instructed, for CAPI/SSI/SSP couples, to prospectively budget the spouse's SSI/SSP benefit in the month that a COLA occurs and the subsequent month. Using a January COLA for example, the CAPI recipient's January payment should be computed using the spouse's SSI/SSP January payment, and the CAPI recipient's February payment should be computed using the spouse's SSI/SSP February payment.

Using January 2007 as an example, the difference between retrospective and prospective budgeting is illustrated in the following table:

	Retrospective Budget	Prospective Budget
01/07 CAPI/SSI Couple rate	\$1,492	\$1,492
Spouse's SSI/SSP used in budget calculation	- 836 (11/06)	- 856 (01/07)
01/07 CAPI payment	\$ 656	\$ 636
Total income actually received by couple in 01/07	\$1,512	\$1,492
<i>The total payment of \$1,512 received in this example under retrospective budgeting would exceed both the SSI/SSP couple rate of \$1,502 and the CAPI/SSI couple payment rate of \$1,492.</i>		

Any questions regarding these adjustments should be directed to the Adult Programs Branch, Operations and Technical Assistance Unit at (916) 229-4000.

Sincerely,

**Original Document Signed by:**

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Attachment

c: CWDA

ESTIMATED CAPI PAYMENT STANDARDS  
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2007  
BASED ON JANUARY 2007 SSI/SSP STANDARDS

	INDEPENDENT LIVING			REDUCED NEEDS			NON-MEDICAL OUT-OF-HOME CARE (NMOHC)					
	RESIDING IN OWN HOUSEHOLD			HOUSEHOLD OF ANOTHER WITH IN-KIND ROOM & BOARD			HOUSEHOLD OF RELATIVE WITH IN-KIND ROOM & BOARD AND CERTIFIED NMOHC			IN LICENSED FACILITY OR HOUSEHOLD OF RELATIVE WITHOUT IN-KIND ROOM & BOARD		
	TOTAL CAPI		TOTAL SSI/SSP	TOTAL CAPI		TOTAL SSI/SSP	TOTAL CAPI		TOTAL SSI/SSP	TOTAL CAPI		TOTAL SSI/SSP
<b>INDIVIDUAL:</b>												
AGED OR DISABLED	846.00		856.00	639.34		649.34	812.34		822.34	1,025.00		1,035.00
- without cooking facilities (RMA) 1/	930.00		940.00	N/A		N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A		N/A
BLIND	911.00		921.00	720.34		730.34	812.34		822.34	1,025.00		1,035.00
DISABLED MINOR												
- living with parent(s)	732.00		742.00	513.34		523.34						
- living with non-parent relative or non-relative guardian	732.00		742.00	513.34		523.34	812.34		822.34	1,025.00		1,035.00
<b>COUPLE:</b>	<b>BOTH CAPI</b>	<b>ONE CAPI, ONE SSI</b>	<b>BOTH SSI/SSP</b>	<b>BOTH CAPI</b>	<b>ONE CAPI, ONE SSI</b>	<b>BOTH SSI/SSP</b>	<b>BOTH CAPI</b>	<b>ONE CAPI, ONE SSI</b>	<b>BOTH SSI/SSP</b>	<b>BOTH CAPI</b>	<b>ONE CAPI, ONE SSI</b>	<b>BOTH SSI/SSP</b>
AGED OR DISABLED												
- per couple	1,482.00	1,492.00	1,502.00	1,198.33	1,208.33	1,218.33	1,648.33	1,658.33	1,668.33	2,050.00	2,060.00	2,070.00
- without cooking facilities (RMA) 1/	1,650.00	1,660.00	1,670.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
BLIND												
- per couple	1,709.00	1,719.00	1,729.00	1,425.33	1,435.33	1,445.33	1,648.33	1,658.33	1,668.33	2,050.00	2,060.00	2,070.00
BLIND/AGED OR DISABLED												
- per couple	1,624.00	1,634.00	1,644.00	1,339.33	1,349.33	1,359.33	1,648.33	1,658.33	1,668.33	2,050.00	2,060.00	2,070.00

TITLE XIX MEDICAL FACILITY

	Individual	Couple
Total CAPI .....	\$40	\$80
SSI/SSP .....	50	100

1/ RMA - Restaurant Meals Allowance - \$84 Individual; \$168 Couple